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## MEMORANDUM

January 13, 1955

To: Mr. Wendelin

From: Colonel Peeke

Subject: Social Relations with Soviets and Satellites

1. This is in reply to your memo of 10 Jan on the above subjects.
2. Since April 1954 the Soviet military have been uniformly cordial to US and British military. They have on occasion been gratuitously rude to the Italian and Dutch MAs in turn.
3. Colonel Kondrachov has been active in protocol calls. As deyan of the attache group he has had a certain advantage in that to neglect to call on him could be interpreted as a special rudeness. In his calls and the return of his calls he has exploited the opportunity obviously for intelligence. He is by my personal observation and also by reports of the British and French MAs adroit, a master of "apropos, what about...?" It is invariably apropos of nothing in the preceding conversation and a direct and effective probing for information of a delicate nature.
4. The nature of the entertainment given by the Soviet military is threefold.
  - a. Official celebration of national or Red Army days. For your information copies of reports of such functions are attached. These are our file copies so it is requested that they be returned when they have served their purpose.
  - b. Semi-official showing of half-propaganda and half cultural movies, usually in the Soviet Embassy, once in a downtown theatre.
  - c. Private
    - (1) Colonel Malichkine, a Soviet Assistant MA, gave a cocktail party in his home attended by a few US guests, some British, and no Turks.
    - (2) Colonel Kondrachov gave a small informal cocktail party in his home last night, 12 Jan. Only half of the officers in the Army Attache Office were invited: Colonel Peeke, Lt Col Koehler and Major Risk. Colonel Peeke was out of town. Koehler and Risk attended. It is understood that invitations were not tendered to all of the U.S. Air and Naval assistant attaches. It is quite possible that this is due to the limited size of Kondrachov's

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apartment and that he may be planning a second such affair. All of the Soviet attaches in Ankara were present as were a sizeable group of other Soviet personnel. Admiral Uluhan and General Gokge were present with their wives. Four other Turks were there; 19 had been invited. The Israeli, Italian, British, Czech, Romanian, Yugo-Slav, Iranian and French attaches were there. The place was crowded, atmosphere cordial and informal with everyone mingling freely and the Soviets equally attentive to all of their guests.

5. Satellite attaché personnel seem of less consequence and follow the lead of the Soviet personnel. One exception - the Czech attaché on 6 January 1955, appears not to have received the word; he alone attended the Iraqi Army Day at the Iraqi Embassy. After a short, embarrassed attendance, he left.

6. The Army Attaché and his assistants have entertained the Soviet Attachés at various large cocktail parties, all of an official nature, i.e., either in celebration of Armed Forces Day or to introduce new attaché personnel. It is planned to entertain them at smaller functions under controlled conditions.

7. The objective of our contacts has been restricted to making ourselves known by social contact. We have been able to develop no information of use on Soviet or Satellite affairs. By returning their surface cordiality and proffering our own, playing the situation as blandly as possible, there is a psychological advantage to neither side.

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